

## BOCHE GUNS ACTIVE; INFANTRY ON ALERT

Perishing Reports Destruction  
Enemy Ammunition Dump  
Near Jaulgonne.

(Associated Press.)  
Washington, July 12.—Gen. Pershing's communique describing operations of the American troops on the western front, issued today by the war department, follows:  
"Section A.—In the Chateau-Thierry region a trench raid attempted by the enemy broke down with losses under our fire."

"Yesterday (Thursday).—Our aviators shot down a hostile machine in the region of Thiaucourt."  
"Section B.—In the Chateau-Thierry region conditions on the day of July 8 to 9 were normal. A German patrol was driven back with losses by an American patrol in the Belleau region. There was much other patrolling activity on both sides, but there were no incidents except fire directed from the German front lines on an American patrol. There was more German artillery fire for adjustment than usual, with the customary harassing fire."

"In the Chateau-Thierry region from July 9 to 10, the German artillery was more than usually active and his infantry nervously alert."  
"His batteries were active in counter-battery fire and in harassing fire on our positions in the front and rear. There was short concentration during the evening in the Voie du Chatel region. Some gas, mainly of the sneezing and lachrymatory variety, was used. There was continued intermittent rifle and machine gun fire on our positions in the Vaux area."  
"Along the Marne, July 9 to 10, the activity of our artillery was the only feature of interest. We shelled the enemy positions heavily, drawing only feeble response from his batteries in counter-battery harassing and registration fire."  
"An ammunition dump near Jaulgonne was exploded by our artillery."

**Artillery Fire Light.**  
"In Lorraine, July 8 to 9, the enemy showed no particular activity except in the machine gun fire. Besides a large number of bursts, his machine guns on several occasions fired continuously on our positions for periods of from ten minutes to half an hour. His artillery fire was light."  
"Our anti-aircraft was successful in driving back his airplanes."  
"The Munster sector was very quiet on July 9. There was no fire from the enemy's artillery. We drove off four of the enemy's planes. Our patrols were active."

"In the Woivre, July 7 to 8, conditions remained normal. An American patrol bombed a German outpost during the night."  
"In the Thann sector, July 9, there was no unusual occurrence except an increase in the German machine gun and rifle fire."  
"The German airplane reported shot down in section A was brought down July 11, near Thiaucourt, by Lieut. Jones and Tobin. As a result of their fire the German plane fell in flames."

## LOCAL FIRM TURNS OUT AUTO JUST LIKE FACTORY

A handsome funeral car was delivered by a local automobile company to A. Hallett, of Soddy, last week, and thereby hangs a tale. The car was needed badly, and owing to war conditions it would have been almost impossible to get it from the factory in any reasonable length of time. It was then decided to convert a pleasure car into the funeral car, and the Chattanooga Buggy and Automobile company was selected to do the job. They did the work in a very short time and everyone declared that it looked every bit as well as if it had come from a large automobile concern.

## ATTENTION! W. O. W.

All members of the Chattanooga Camp No. 6 and the ladies of the Woodmen Circle are requested to meet at the Woodman Hall, 208 1/2 East Main street, Monday night at 8 o'clock sharp, as we are going to have a big speaker with us. The public is invited.  
(Signed)  
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## REVIEW OF AMERICAN SUPPLY TRAIN IN FRANCE



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American officers review an army supply train in France.

## WILL THRESH OUT GAS PROBLEM NEXT WEEK

Manufacturers Want Contract  
They Understand—Federal  
Expert Coming to Aid.

A gas expert from the office of the United States fuel administration in Washington will leave there Sunday night for Chattanooga. This information was received Saturday morning by W. E. Wilkerson, the local fuel administrator, from James Lynn at the Washington headquarters.

It is Mr. Wilkerson's plan to call a meeting of the Chattanooga manufacturers upon the arrival of the representative from Washington, at which time the different sides of the gas question will be taken up and discussed. Mr. Wilkerson also states that he will probably wire the state fuel administrator, W. E. Myer, to be present at this meeting in order that a fair understanding may be had on all sides.

In referring to the gas contract, which the local manufacturers are required to sign, Mr. Wilkerson stated that it is exceedingly long and hard to understand and that the majority of the manufacturers want to know what they are obligating themselves to do before they sign a document of this kind. The gas expert will be called upon to translate the meaning of the contract in order that the manufacturers can have some understanding as to how it will be carried out.

Mr. Wilkerson points out that while Manager S. E. DeFrees, of the Chattanooga Gas company, has announced orally that he will furnish them gas just as cheap, if not cheaper, than they could use coal or coke, that no such clause as this is included in the contract they are required to sign. This is what the manufacturers want, declares Mr. Wilkerson, a contract form by which they will know definitely what they are getting for their money as cheap with gas as they can with coal.

**"Ready to Serve" Clause.**  
Another thing that has been brought out by the county administrator is the "Ready to Serve Charge," which is called for in the gas contract. This means, as explained by the administrator, that if a manufacturer wants to have his plant equipped with a certain amount of gas per day, he must pay for this amount whether he uses it or not. This "Ready to Serve" charge is then added to the rate per cubic foot of gas used.

Mr. Wilkerson states that the manufacturers do not want a "Ready to Serve" charge, but that they want a flat rate so that they may have some idea as to whether it would pay them to go to the expense of installing a furnace where gas is to be used.

As the contract reads, the administrator states, the price per 1,000 cubic feet runs from 70 cents down to 50 cents, and in order to obtain the cheap rate of 50 cents a large quantity of gas must be signed up for under the contract, including the "Ready to Serve Charge."

In referring to the large number of contracts which Mr. DeFrees, of the gas company, has announced that he has on hand, Mr. Wilkerson remarked that he did hope that the gas would be used and that the surplus gas now going to waste at the Chattanooga Coke and Gas company would soon be diverted to the manufacturers. However, he remarked that from the latest reports the gas was still going to waste and no effort had been made to stop it.

**BOARD FINDS SELECTMAN WHO MARRIED AT 12**  
Has Three Children Now—One Eight Years Old but Not Yet Wed.

County board No. 1 claims a 21-year-old registrant under the June 5 draft that has been married longer than any other man in his class. William Henry Redford, of Soddy, Tenn., will be 22 years old in August, 1918. He was married to Sara Redford in 1908 at the ripe age of almost 12. William Henry at the time of his marriage had a bet up with a big boy by the name of Smith as to which would marry first.

Strange to say, notwithstanding his 11-year-old exertions, Smith won. However, William Henry must have run a close second. William married a girl 20 years old at the time. She is older now. They have three children, aged respectively 8 and 4 years and seven months. The 8-year-old boy is not yet wed. The 4-year-old child is not even engaged. The baby exhibits the strangest indifference to the opposite sex. There seems to be nothing in heredity.

## VALUABLE JEWELS LOST IN MISSION RIDGE FIRE

Turney Home, Occupied by Col. Kromer's Family, Burns to Ground.

The residence of Mrs. Frank Turney, on Missionary ridge near the Shallowford road, which has been occupied by the family of Col. L. V. Kromer, who is in France, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. It is estimated that the loss on the building was about \$5,000.

The furniture and furnishings also succumbed to the flames, and Mrs. Kromer fears that valuable jewelry and diamonds, valued at several thousand dollars, were also lost. With the assistance of neighbors a few articles were saved, however.

It is understood that there was a bonfire on the lot next to the Turney home, and this is thought to have ignited a hedge. The house was soon ablaze.

When the fire broke out Mrs. Kromer was putting the children to bed for a nap. It was stated that the loss on the building is covered by insurance. The furniture is not thought to have been insured.

**"Work or Fight" Problem And Striking Workmen**  
Some thirty-five men at the Chattanooga Chemical company went on strike Friday. No positive statements have been received from the company or the strikers as to the exact grounds of disagreement, but it is understood that a tentative ground of settlement has been reached and the workers may return to their positions Monday.

The situation brought up the very interesting question of the application of the "work or fight" rule to workers during a strike.

Do strikers lose their standing as workers and become automatically class 1 men? A canvass of the chairmen of the registration boards failed to elicit a positive opinion on this point. Some of the chairmen thought they would be forced to go into the merits of the strike if such a case were presented for their investigation and judgment. Others thought it would go to the district board.

However, here is Secretary of War Baker's statement on the subject, promulgated from Washington on June 7:

"I want to state in the most positive way," wrote Mr. Baker, "that this regulation (the work or fight rule) has nothing to do with labor situation of the country and it is no intention of the war department either in this regulation or any other to undertake to affect the labor situation of the country by military regulation."

"It is not the intention of the department to permit the draft regulations to be used to affect any labor controversy, and nonemployment by reason of strikes will not be regarded as such nonemployment as will cancel either exemption or deferred classification."

"The whole question of the relation of the government to labor is for administration by the labor department, and the war department does not intend any indirect interference with it."

Such is the dictum of Baker. The same conclusion is reached if the whole question is turned over and looked at from the other side.

In a strike, the proprietor of a plant is also out of work. He could get

## MISS SCHWARTZMAN'S BROTHER WOUNDED

In Trenches for Three Weeks.  
Red Cross Official Writes of His Splendid Work.

Miss Almada Schwartzman, who is well known in musical circles, has received the following letter, written on American Red Cross stationery, supposedly from some government official in Paris:

Paris, June 21, 1918.  
"Dear Miss Schwartzman:  
"You will be glad to know that I saw your brother Ed today. He has been slightly wounded, and is all right now. Is on his way to a camp far away from the front to have a rest after his splendid work in the front line. Some boys! Ed! I wish there were more like him."

"Most sincerely,  
CHAMBERLAIN DOBBS"  
The young man is with the 5th regiment of the American marines and had been fighting in the trenches for three weeks.

**COMPTROLLER SUES TO COLLECT INHERITANCE TAX**  
A suit for an inheritance tax was filed in the chancery court Saturday morning by John B. Thomason, comptroller, against Annie M. Cameron, Alexander Cameron, Hamilton Trust & Savings Co., and John B. Cameron, deceased. The proceedings charge that the income tax on the Cameron estate, which is valued at \$10,000, have not been paid in, and the suit is to collect the amount of this tax.

**WANT MORE Y. M. C. A. MEN FOR OVERSEAS WORK**  
Few Volunteers Now—Understanding Seems to Be Demand Has Been Supplied.

Applicants for service in the army Y. M. C. A. are not nearly as numerous now as a short time ago, according to E. Y. Chapin, of the local committee. Mr. Chapin is rather concerned about the slack in volunteers for the service that has occurred from some unknown reason.

Although there has been no definite quota of men assigned to Chattanooga district, Y. M. C. A. secretaries will be needed as long as the war lasts. The impression seems to be current that this section has secured all that are desired, but this is false, as applications are still being sought earnestly.

**Martin A. Ford.**  
The body of Capt. Martin A. Ford, pioneer citizen of Chattanooga, who died Thursday at the Old Soldiers' home in Johnson City, is expected to reach Chattanooga Saturday night. Funeral services will be held from St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with Mount Olivet cemetery as the place of interment.

**SALVAGING THE WRECKAGE OF WAR**  
French women sorting cast-off clothing in the sorting room of the American salvage department, in the office of the quartermaster in France. Soldiers' clothing which has seen its best days is here made over and a

hands if he would pay a little more money, but this he refuses to do. Therefore he is flagrantly out of work and if the "work or fight" rule applies, could be snatched up for a "lounge lizard" and thrust into class 1 automatically.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FOR AMERICANS IN FRANCE**  
Former Editor Nashville Tennessean to Have Charge of New Service Feature.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, July 13.—Arrangements to distribute neighborhood news to all of the American fighting forces abroad have been perfected by the foreign press cable service bureau of the committee which is directed by Walter S. Rogers. This new feature, designed to give to American soldiers such news as they might expect to receive in letters from their relatives and friends if the mails could be depended upon, will be edited by Herman Suter, who has had broad experience as a newspaper publisher. The service will be sent to France and wherever American soldiers are stationed every day by one of the big German wireless plants which has been operated by the government since the European war started and used extensively for American propaganda including the world broadcasting of President Wilson's speeches during the fifteen months this country has been at war with Germany and its allies. The wireless reports will be delivered free of all tolls to military publications in France and where no newspapers can be distributed bulletins will be supplied to headquarters of the different units for posting on conveniently located bulletin boards. The reports will be copied also by the wireless plants of American warships wherever stationed.

**Co-operation Promised.**  
Press association and newspapers generally have agreed to co-operate with the committee in making the service a success. The part played by the Associated Press for instance will be largely in the hands of the bureau scattered strategically throughout the United States. Some one in each bureau called upon by the committee will send a brief telegraphic dispatch to the committee in New York either daily, or two or three times a week according to the need, giving merely the high spots of the news local in the territory covered by such bureau.

Each item will be just about what would appear in the headlines of local papers to describe important local events, such as nominations by political parties, deaths of prominent citizens of the different states, fires, weddings of state-wide interest, and other news of less than international or national interest and therefore certain not to be called for publication in English, French or Italian newspapers.

**Home News for Each Man.**  
In this way it is hoped to give to the soldiers from every state at least two or three items of news from their home state or city each week. The budget necessarily will be limited, but the committee believes that the efforts of all those who patriotically contribute to this service will be rewarded by the knowledge that they have reduced homesickness among the men who are offering their lives in the defense of the country.

**THREATENED ATTACKS ON CZECHO-SLOVAKS**  
Co-Operation of Germans and Bolsheviks Adds New Dangers to Russian Situation.

(International News Service.)  
Washington, July 13.—German-bolshevik co-operation is working to add to the dangers of the Russian situation. The Moscow revolt, upon which such strong hopes had been built that it marked the opening of a new revolution against the existing government, which would be of incalculable aid to the entente, is being suppressed, while the Czech-Slovak troops are seriously threatened by combined German-bolshevik attacks. In the opinion of John Sookine, formerly first secretary of the Russian embassy here, and now occupying an advisory position on the embassy staff, only through immediate allied aid can Germany be prevented from entirely controlling all Russia. Germany, he says, has such an interest in opposing every move that could lead to an uprising of the national spirit of Russia that she is willing to go to any length to keep the bolsheviks in control there.

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(Special to The News.)  
Knoxville, July 13.—Knoxville's French Independence day celebration will be held Sunday night at the Second Presbyterian church under the auspices of the local chapter of the Fatherless Children of France.

**Lost—Two Diamond Rings**  
Wednesday noon, in washroom of fifth floor, Volunteer building. One large square diamond ring with opal center; other a little finger ring, large diamond center and smaller diamond set in platinum. Reward if returned to Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Room 518, Volunteer building. No questions asked. Phone Main 3386 or 680.

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